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MAKING THE SAME

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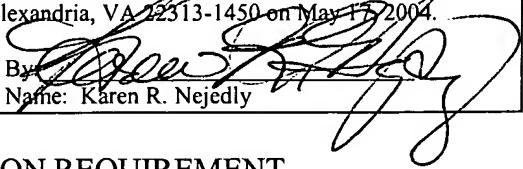


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated April 15, 2004.

In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application. The Office Action indicated that there were three inventions, namely:

Invention I, claims 1-4, drawn to a floorboard;

Invention II, claims 5-11, drawn to an apparatus for making floorboards; and

Invention III, claim 12, drawn to a method of manufacturing floorboards.

Applicant hereby elects Invention II, claims 5-11, drawn to an apparatus for making floorboards, with traverse.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

Respectfully submitted,

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